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Eileen S. Stommes, Deputy Administrator

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Dear Ms. Stommes:

I am writing in regards to the proposed National Organic Standards to state that I do not want genetically engineered organisms, processing agents, or agricultural inputs to be allowed in organic farming and handling—ever—even on a case by case basis. I also request that you prohibit the use of irradiation and sewage sludge in organic farming and handling. Further, I ask that the standard for the treatment of livestock and the fee structure for certification be consistent with the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

I trust and respect the NOSB, which represents a broad coalition of organic farmers, manufacturers, and consumers invested in the principles of organic agriculture and foods production. To create regulations that don't concur with their recommendations on genetic engineering, irradiation, sewage sludge, the needs of small farmer and the treatment of animals will damage consumer confidence in the organic label and undermine the viability of this industry.

Thank you for considering my input when making your final decision.

Sincerely,



Linda Buturian

cc: Mothers for Natural Law

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